

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

*Seiji YAMASHITA et al.*

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For: SURFACTANT, PROCESS  
FOR PRODUCING THE  
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COMPOSITION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claim as follows:

8. (Amended) An emulsifier, dispersant, solubilizer, detergent, penetrating agent or wetting agent, comprising the nonionic surfactant according to Claim 1.

Please insert the following new claims:

9. (Added) An emulsifier, dispersant, solubilizer, detergent, penetrating agent or wetting agent, comprising the nonionic surfactant according to Claim 2.

10. (Added) An emulsifier, dispersant, solubilizer, detergent, penetrating agent or wetting agent, comprising the nonionic surfactant according to Claim 3.